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NEWS.

MR. A. A. HELLER has removed to Los Gatos, California.

DR. JOHN L. SHELDON has been appointed professor of bacteriology in the University of West Virginia.

DR. JOSEPH H. MELLICHAMP, an ardent student of the southern flora, died October 2 in James Island, S. C.

THE ATTENTION of subscribers is directed to the announcement in the advertising pages regarding the general index. The error in the first notice is corrected, and we hope the approval of the index will be general enough to insure its publication by the University Press. It is already in an advanced stage of preparation.

MR. CORNELIUS VAN BRUNT, an expert photographer of native plants, died at his home in New York city on October 1, at the age of seventy-seven. No one who once had the pleasure of seeing the wonderful lantern slides made by Mr. Van Brunt, and colored to the life by Mrs. Van Brunt, will ever forget the perfection of their technical skill, directed as it was by their keen appreciation of floral beauty.

THE SEVENTH annual meeting of the Society for Plant Morphology and Physiology will be held at Philadelphia, Pa., in conjunction with the meetings of several other scientific societies, on December 29, 30, 31, 1903. This is the first meeting of this society in Philadelphia, though the preliminary steps which led to its formation were taken there at the meeting of the American Society of Naturalists in December 1895.

MR. A. M. FERGUSON, instructor in botany in the University of Texas, has been given leave of absence for one year by the University of Texas, and has been appointed special agent for the office of Pathology and Physiology, Bureau of Plant Industry, to investigate technical problems in connection with mushroom culture. He has been assigned to the botanical department of the University of Missouri. He has been recently occupied with the study of the so-called fungus gardens of the various species of fungus-eating ants occurring in Texas.

PROFESSOR B. E. FERNOW, late director of the New York State College of Forestry, is writing a book on biological dendrology. He is also giving privately courses on Forest management and Forest finance to a number of former students of the College of Forestry, who have returned to Cornell University for a baccalaureate degree and to finish their forestry education by 1903]

means of these courses. Most of the Junior students of the abandoned college have gone to the Forest School at Yale University. The *Forestry Quarterly* will be continued by Mr. Fernow.

THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA will hold its tenth annual meeting at St. Louis December 29-31, 1903, under the presidency of Professor C. R. Barnes, of the University of Chicago. Headquarters will be established at the Southern Hotel, and sessions will be held in the Central High School. The retiring president, Dr. B. T. Galloway, chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, will deliver an address upon *What the twentieth century demands of botany*. Mr. Francis Darwin, of the University of Cambridge, will present a paper upon *A self-recording method applied to the movement of stomata*.

IN CONNECTION with the International Botanical Congress to be held in Vienna about the middle of June 1905, it is proposed to hold a botanical exhibition. The International Association of Botanists desires to demonstrate the importance of its proposed central bureau by exhibiting material to illustrate its functions. These functions have been defined as follows: "(1) To give information as to the places where certain collections, herbaria, etc., can be consulted; as to cost of living at places likely to be visited by botanists; as to botanical expeditions in preparation, etc. (2) To form a library of separate reprints of botanical papers which can be loaned to members who so desire, subject to the payment of postage both ways. (3) To form a center for the exchange, sale, and purchase of photographs of plant-societies, plants, or parts of plants. (4) To obtain and distribute material for investigation. (5) To assist in exchanging or selling microtome-sections. (6) To aid in obtaining and distributing demonstration material. (7) To be a center for obtaining, keeping alive, and distributing pure cultures of algae and fungi." It is especially desired that a complete collection of reprints of every author may be obtained for this exhibition with a view of presenting these to the library of the central bureau. All material intended for this exhibition is to be sent before May 1, 1905, A. d. Botanischen Garten der K. K. Universität in Wien, III, Rennweg 14. The cost of transportation is to be borne by the person exhibiting. Further information may be obtained from Mr. J. P. Lotsy, 33a Oude Rijn, Leiden, Holland.